

LOS ANGELES TIMES BUILDING BLOWN UP AND UNKNOWN NUMBER KILLED

Immediately Following the Explosion, Flames Burst Out and the Imprisoned Editors and Printers Are Burned to Death—Many Jump From Windows and Are Crushed to the Pavements.

Los Angeles, Oct. 1.—The building and plant of the Los Angeles Times, one of the best known newspapers of the southwest of which General Harrison Gray Otis is editor and principal owner were destroyed by an explosion and fire shortly after 1 o'clock this morning, resulting in the death of upward of twenty of its employees and financial loss of nearly a half million dollars.

The management expresses the conviction that the explosion was planned by men in sympathy with union labor, with which the paper has long been engaged in bitter warfare. It is charged that unknown persons set off a heavy charge of dynamite in a blind alley which ran into the center of the building, completely wrecking the interior and setting it on fire from roof to basement.

The force of the explosion was terrific. It was heard for miles and all the windows in the vicinity of the Times building, at First street and Broadway were shattered. Between fifty and seventy-five employees were in the building at the time of the explosion and, until the whole list of employees of the paper can be checked over it will not be known how many lives were lost.

Had Narrow Escapes.

The responsible heads of the paper, including Assistant General Manager Harry Chandler, had narrow escapes from death, many of them having left the building a short time before the explosion. The fire spread with amazing rapidity and, in the course of a few seconds, flames were bursting from every window and door and shooting high above the roof. The building was equipped with gas fittings and the explosion, tearing these pipes into bits, released gas which ignited instantly in every department.

No other theory than a dynamite explosion was advanced by witnesses, except in the case of a Western Union telegraph operator, William F. Von Blon, who said that he detected the odor of gas throughout the building earlier in the night and had called attention to it.

Arrests Are Made.

A few minutes after the catastrophe the police arrested Harry Plake, who was making his way through the Broadway tunnel a few blocks distant. He was locked up on suspicion. William Irwin was arrested later and taken to the station. The police are without clues, however, as to the probable perpetrators.

Assistant General Manager Chandler's office was on the ground floor and he had left it only a few minutes before the explosion. He was accustomed to remaining until later, but on this occasion his wife had come for him and he had gone to his home a few blocks distant. His secretary, J. Wesley Reeves, remained in the office and perished.

Bitter War and Labor Troubles.

The Times was established in 1881 and General Otis purchased the paper six months later. For twenty years the paper and its owner have been engaged in a bitter war with the labor unions, starting with a strike by members of the Typographical Union employed on the paper.

General Otis was absent from the city when his newspaper plant was destroyed. He is on his way back to Los Angeles from the City of Mexico, whither he went some weeks ago as a representative of the United States government by appointment of President Taft to the celebration of the Mexican Central. General Otis is due to arrive in Los Angeles today.

The building in which the Times was located was of stone and brick. A part of it was of four stories, of stone, and was built in 1887. Six stories of brick were added later. The American Engraving company and the American Electrical company, both subsidiary companies of the Times-Mirror Printing company, were housed in the building.

Mr. Chandler estimated the financial loss at \$450,000, with insurance of \$225,000.

Printers Killed.

The dead and missing come principally from the composing room of the paper, which was directly above the spot where the explosion occurred. A number of the printers and linotype operators are missing and are believed to be buried in the still burning

debris in the basement of the building. In the local room of the paper all of the editors and reporters had gone home, with the exception of two or three men. Assistant City Editor Harvey C. Elder was still on duty. When the explosion came and the flames shot up through all parts of the building, Elder was badly stunned, but attempted to escape. Finding exit by the stairway shut off, he ran to the windows, which opened out from the third floor on Broadway. There was no fire escape there, and, hemmed in by flames, he was forced to jump. Firemen below held a net, but he missed it and struck the pavement. He died soon afterward.

Night Editor Taggart was at work in the composing room. He leaped through a window and made his way out across the roofs of adjoining buildings to safety.

Persons who were first on the scene state that there were three distinct explosions. The first seemed to be the heaviest and occurred on the second floor, which is used as the composing room. The Times plant was run by electricity throughout, and, as far as is known, there was no steam boiler of any kind in the building.

The building occupied by the Times-Mirror publishing plant is located on the southeast corner of Broadway and First street, fronting about 30 feet on First and extending about 75 or 100 feet along Broadway. The main building, of brick, with a heavy stone front, was three stories in height, and back of this was a brick annex of two stories and basement.

The editorial department of the Times was on the third floor of the main building, and the business office on the ground floor. The annex contained the presses, linotypes, big job printing plant and the Times school training linotype operators. The Times employed non-union printers and maintained a large battery of linotypes for teaching and training operators in the use of the machines.

The flames followed the explosion so quickly that those in the building had little chance to escape. Many leaped from the windows and were severely injured. The building burned rapidly, and before those awakened by the explosion or at work in nearby structures could reach the street, it was a mass of flames.

The force of the explosion was exerted on the mechanical department of the paper and most of the dead and injured were members of these departments. At 2 o'clock 22 injured had been taken to the receiving hospital.

Managing Editor's Statement.

Managing Editor Harry R. Andrews at 2 o'clock this morning said: "The Times building was destroyed by dynamite this morning by the enemies of industrial freedom. The Times itself cannot be destroyed. It will soon be reissued from its auxiliary plant and will fight its battles to the last."

"The horror of loss of life and the maiming of men precludes a further statement at this hour."

General Otis, owner of the Times, will arrive home from Mexico, this afternoon.

Mr. Andrews said that in his opinion the estimate of loss of life had been exaggerated.

"Men employed in most of the departments had, I think, some chance to get through the front exits. I do not believe there were 100 persons in the building. I was not there. Mr. Chandler, the manager, was not there. Mr. Von Blon, our city editor, got out also. Mr. Whitney, our telegraph editor, I feel sure that most of our men escaped."

First Explosion in Alley.

According to another statement, the first explosion occurred in an alleyway which separated the third and seventh story parts of the building. Friday night, being an unusually heavy period at the Times, something over thirty men were at work on the linotypes and about fifty in the "ad" section. Because of the fact that so many extra men were at work, it will probably be several days before all are accounted for.

Immediately after the fire heads of departments, and other employees gathered at the Herald office, a block away. At that time there were about fifty persons accounted for.

During the fire at the Times several surrounding buildings were threatened, but hard work by the firemen saved them. The Times plant

was estimated to be worth over \$500,000 and is a total loss.

List of Injured.

Among the injured taken to the receiving hospital were the following. Many others injured were taken to other hospitals:

S. W. Crabb, foreman composing rooms, severe bruises.

Randolph Rossi, linotype operator; jumped from second floor; severely injured.

Within a few minutes after the explosion the police arrested two men in the Broadway tunnel, two blocks north of the Times building and they are being held for investigation.

The police had their fire lines stretched around the scene and reserves were soon patrolling the district armed with riot guns, but the half-dazed crowd, which silently watched the flames from behind the fire lines was orderly and not an arrest was made from among the crowd.

List of the Missing.

The following list of missing, furnished by the times, have not been accounted for up to 4:30 this morning:

J. C. Gallagher, linotype operator; married, five children.

W. G. Tunstall, linotype operator; married, one child.

Frederic Llewellyn, linotype operator; married, one child.

Grant Moore, machinist, married, three children.

Ed Wasson, printer, married.

Elmer Frink, linotype operator; married.

Eugene Cares, linotype operator; married, one child.

Don E. Johnson, linotype operator; married.

Ernest Jordan, linotype operator; married, one child.

Frank Underwood, printer; married, one child.

J. Wesley Beaver, stenographer.

R. L. Sawyer, telegraph operator; married, two children.

Harry L. Crane, assistant telegraph editor; married, one child.

Charles Gulliver, compositor, married.

Carl Saldaña, linotype operator.

Harvey C. Elder, assistant city editor of the Times, leaped from the third story window and died in the hospital.

Charles E. Lovelace, country editor, leaped from the third story window and died in the hospital.

J. Wesley Reeves, secretary to Assistant General Manager Chandler; believed body in ruins.

R. L. Sawyer, telegraph operator, aged 34, married, two children; body believed to be in ruins.

Harry L. Crane, assistant telegraph editor, married, one child; believed to be in the ruins.

Fell Back Into the Flames.

The entire force of editors and operators were at work in the telegraph room, exception Telegraph Editor R. N. Whitney. Harry L. Crane, the assistant telegraph editor, was seen attempting to make his way out of the building. He was not found among the survivors.

Several men were seen by spectators to come to the upper windows a few minutes after the fire broke out and try to get help. The firemen could not get their ladders up quickly enough and the flames burst about them. Those at the windows were urged to jump. Many did and alighted safely; others hesitated and fell back into the flames.

Foreman Graybill of the composing room estimates that there were about 115 men in the building 85 of whom were in his department. He believes that twelve of his men were killed and that the fatalities in the other departments totaled about the same number.

About fifteen men were in the stereotyping department, but all are believed to have made their way out.

H. D. Saldaña, in charge of the proofreading room, located next to the telegraph room on the third floor, had fifteen employees in his department, eight of whom were women. All escaped.

Another Attempt Made.

Assistant General Manager Chandler is authority for the statement that an attempt was made to blow up the Times auxiliary plant, at College and Fernando streets, was made a few minutes before the explosion occurred which destroyed the main office at First and Broadway.

had no boilers to explode; there was no gasoline in the place excepting a small can or two in the composing room. It is true that the building was equipped with gas, but no explosion of gas could have caused such a catastrophe.

"For years we have been receiving threatening letters from people who said that the paper ought to be blown up. I have not received any such letters lately, although I have had several telephone calls within the past few weeks threatening us with destruction."

Chief of Police Galloway said today:

"That the Times building was wrecked by dynamite seems certain from all my mean can learn. About 100 patrolmen and most of the detectives were on duty at the fire. We have found some things that seem to us to point to the authors of the calamity. Whether they will end in any real result it is impossible to tell now, but I do know that whether they do or not the police will keep at it without rest until the whole matter is laid bare."

Union Parade Called Off.

Mayor Alexander, the city council, the city attorney, chief of police and other municipal officials, and officials of the various labor councils, today mutually agreed to call off the scheduled union parade which was to have been held in the city next Monday. The parade was arranged by the unions for the purpose of protesting against the recent anti-picketing ordinance and other alleged anti-union labor conditions existing in the city. It was agreed that such an assembly, during the present excitement, would be unwise.

Bomb Is Found.

Additional excitement was caused during the forenoon by news that a dynamite bomb had been found under the residence of Secretary J. F. Zeehandelaar of the Merchants & Manufacturers' association, on Garland street. Mr. Zeehandelaar, as secretary of the Merchants & Manufacturers' association, has been very active in conjunction with the Los Angeles Times in opposition to the labor unions, and much personal animosity has been aroused against him among the labor men.

The bomb was found by Special Officer Hendrickson, who reported to police headquarters, and Chief of Police Galloway dispatched a detail of officers to the scene.

The bomb, which was of clockwork design, consisted of fifteen sticks of dynamite attached to a fuse connected with the clockwork. It was taken by the police to a vacant lot in the vicinity.

As soon as word of the discovery of the bomb became known, there was a general exodus of residents in the neighborhood. The police are undetermined as to what time the bomb was to have exploded.

A telegram was received today by General Manager Chandler from General Otis, en route to this city from El Paso. The text of General Otis' telegram was not made public, but Mr. Chandler said that General Otis was not at all perturbed over the destruction of his newspaper, but, on the contrary, stated in positive terms that the fight against the labor unions would be continued.

The Times issued an extra, from its press in the auxiliary office at College and San Fernando streets, during the early morning hours, giving the details of the explosion and fire.

Editors Escaped Harm.

Los Angeles, Oct. 1.—Assistant General Manager Chandler of the Times had a narrow escape from death in the fire. He had just left his office on the first floor and gone to the street when the explosion occurred.

Managing Editor Andrews and City Editor Von Blon had been in their offices during the evening, but had gone to their homes a short time before the explosion.

Assistant City Editor Ellis was still on duty when the fire leaped up all around the building. He ran to the window and jumped three stories to the pavement. His right leg was broken and he was otherwise seriously injured.

None of the reportorial staff, so far as could be learned, were in the local room at the time of the explosion.

One man, whose name is unknown, leaped from a second story window and alighted on his head, breaking his neck.

Two hours after the first explosion occurred, a dozen streams of water were still pouring into the crumbling stone building, from which an occasional flash of flame shot up. Hundred of people surrounded the building in all directions, held back for a block distant by the police.

SUIT TO BREAK THE WALKER WILL

Salt Lake, Oct. 1.—Suit was filed in the Third district court Friday, the purpose of which is to break the will of the late David F. Walker. By the will the widow, Althea Walker, was given the entire estate of Mr. Walker. The value of this estate is placed at more than \$1,500,000.

The plaintiff in the action filed Friday is Sarah A. Paul, a daughter of Mr. Walker by his former wife. The defendants are Althea Walker, the widow, and Margaret Walker Smoot, a daughter, and Clarence Walker, a son.

In her complaint Mrs. Paul makes allegations which are quite startling in their nature. She declares that Mrs. Walker has in her possession and under her control the entire estate, which consists almost wholly of stocks, bonds, money and other negotiable securities, and has concealed this property and refuses to disclose its whereabouts. Mrs. Paul furthermore alleges that Mrs. Walker's children are helping her to conceal the property.

It is set out in the complaint that Mr. Walker was under the influence of his wife to so great an extent that he was induced to make the will leaving all of his property to her by "unconscionable means." This means consisted of the exercise of a pre-

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tended power of clairvoyance, or communication with the dead. That influence was so great that Mr. Walker omitted entirely any bequests to his children, although it was well known that he had always intended to make such bequests.

Mrs. Walker, it is stated in the complaint, was twenty years younger than Mr. Walker at the time of their marriage, was possessed of no property whatsoever, and was entirely dependent for her support upon the pretense of her pretended power of clairvoyance.

Mr. Walker died on September 11 at the age of 72 years. He was a resident of San Mateo county, Cal., where he will, dated San Francisco, January 10, 1908, was filed in the superior court. The will named Mrs. Walker as executrix, but she refuses to accept the appointment and is consequently without the jurisdiction of the court.

ENTRIES FOR MONDAY'S RACES

FIRST RACE—Five furlongs, selling, two-year-olds.

7206—Phebe G. 109
7279—Louise B. 105
7148—Pearl Bass 107
7332—Sir Bon 100
(7332)—Amargosa 106

SECOND RACE—Five furlongs, selling, three-year-olds and up.

7289—Little Elva 105
1943—Vollmore 106
7334—Warfare 97
7338—Byron 103
7333—Bill Mayham 107
7328—Novogrod 102
7339—Susie Gregg 102
7340—Alaxie 97

THIRD RACE—Six furlongs, selling, three-year-olds and up.

7334—Camera 104
7339—Coonskin 99
7342—Gelico 104
7322—Netting 104
7334—Pal 109
7331—Beulah Lee 104
7322—Cavallena 104
7338—Burning Bush 104

FOURTH RACE—One mile, selling, three-year-olds and up.

7329—Chief Desmond 109
7318—Knight of Ivanhoe 109
7343—Ocean Shore 99
7341—Cabin 109
7343—Captain Burnett 104

FIFTH RACE—Seven furlongs, purse, special weights, three-year-olds and up.

(7335)—Thistle Belle 110
7336—Raleigh, P. D. 105
7341—Fancy 100
7341—Special Delivery 105
(7317)—Young Belle 85

SIXTH RACE—Seven furlongs, selling, three-year-olds and up.

7324—Judge Shortall 107
7326—Ketchel 98
7337—Galene Gale 97
7342—Dorothy Ann 103
7331—Howard Pearson 107
7326—East End 103

BOSTON WOOL MARKET.

BOSTON, Sept. 30.—The Commercial Bulletin will say of the wool market Saturday.

Moderate business is being done with the smaller mills, which are showing a little more interest in offerings. With two or three exceptions transactions are of unimportant quantities.

"The plot of 'Our New Minister' is a simple one, and by no means new, but incident to the development of the plot the author has thrown in a wealth of droll, rustic philosophy that fits so naturally into the mouths of his decidedly human, cleverly drawn characters, that one wonders that there can, with propriety, be so many quaint philosophical utterances."—Salt Lake Tribune. Seats 25c to \$1.00.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK.

Cattle, receipts estimated at 600, market weak, beefs 4.60@8.00; Texan steers 4.10@5.60; western steers 4.10@6.75; stockers and feeders 2.50@6.00; cows and heifers 2.20@6.30; calves 7.50@10.00.

Hogs, receipts estimated at 6,000, market 5c up, light 8.85@9.30, mixed 8.40@9.25, heavy 8.35@9.15, rough 8.35@8.55, good to choice heavy 8.55@9.15; pigs 8.25@9.10, bulk of sales 8.60@9.00.

Sheep, receipts estimated at 1,000, market steady, native 2.50@4.20; west on 2.00@4.15; yearlings 4.40@5.50; lambs, native 4.75@7.10, western 4.75@6.90.

Chicago Close.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Wheat—December, 47¢; May, 102 3/4@102 7/8. Corn—December, 49 3/8¢; May, 52 1/4@52 3/8.

Oats—December, 32 7/8¢; May, 35 7/8¢. Park — January, \$17.75; May, \$17.32 1/2.

Lard — November, \$11.65@11.67; January, \$10.65.

Ribs—October, \$11.25; January, \$9.47 1/2.

Omaha.

Omaha, Oct. 1.—Cattle, receipts, 100. Market unchanged.

Hogs, receipts, 2,200, 5@10c higher. Heavy, 8.25@8.80, light, 8.80@8.90; mixed, 8.40@8.55.

Sheep, receipts, 300, steady. Yearlings, 1.60@5.40; weathers, 3.65@4.25; ewes, 3.60@3.80; lambs 6.40@7.50.

New York Money.

New York, Oct. 1.—Money on call nominal. Time loans firm, sixty days 4 1/4 per cent, 90 days 4 1/4@1/2 per cent, six months 5 1/8@3/4 per cent.

Metal Market.

New York, Oct. 1.—Metals nominal. Copper—Lake, \$12.50@12.75; electrolytic, \$12.57 1/2@12.62 1/2; casting, \$12.12 1/2@12.37 1/2.

Heads Cracked, Legs and Arms Broken and Other Injuries Inflicted, and, Worst of All, Drivers, Mechanics and Spectators Are Killed—Vanderbilt Cup Is Won by Harry F. Grant.

Motor Parkway, Oct. 1.—No. 29 Marquette-Bulck, driven by Louis Chevrolet, left the course and smashed into a touring car. Chevrolet's mechanic, Charles Miller, was killed. Chevrolet and the occupants of the touring car escaped.

The Abbott-Detroit, No. 56, struck a telegraph pole, throwing out Driver V. Padula and Mechanician John Barry. Both were injured. Padula's injuries are thought to be fatal.

Car No. 47, a Mercer, ran into a telegraph pole at Meadowbrook bridge and injured the mechanic, possibly fatally.

Car No. 17, around the turn at Westbury, struck a spectator, Thomas Miller, of College Point, L. I. Miller was seriously injured. The car swept on without stopping.

Car No. 54, the Lancia, driven by William Knipper, turned over at the Massapequa lodge and Knipper's left leg was broken. His mechanic was uninjured.

Harold Stone, driving No. 12, a Columbia, was terribly injured and his mechanic Bacon, was picked up unconscious when the car turned turtle near Hicksville.

New York, Oct. 1.—Ferdinand D. Ziuba, New York manager for the Pope-Hartford Automobile company, was killed on his way to the Vanderbilt cup races and five other persons who were in the car with him were injured. Mrs. D. Ziuba, wife of the dead man, seriously.

The car struck a telegraph pole.

Grant Wins Vanderbilt Cup.

Motor Parkway, L. I., Oct. 1.—Harry F. Grant, driving an Alco car, No. 18, won the Vanderbilt cup race today.

Joseph Dawson, driving car No. 25, a Marmion, finished second.

John Aitken, driving car No. 10, a National, was third.

Grant's time was 4 hours, 15 minutes, 58.39 1/100 seconds.

Aitken's time for third was 4 hours, 17 minutes, 27.72 1/100 seconds.

The Wheatley sweepstakes, run over fifteen laps, or 189.60 miles of the course, was won by No. 46, Fal, driven by J. F. Galway, in 3 hours, 15 minutes and 6.45 seconds.

No. 41, Fal, driven by W. H. Pearce, was second.

The Massapequa trophy, run over ten laps of the course, 126.49 miles, was won by car No. 51, Cole, driven by William Endicott. Time, 2 hours, 18 minutes and 43.15 seconds.

Grants average for the race was 65.4 miles per hour. The previous record was 64.3 miles an hour, made by George Robertson in 1908.

Special Train on Which Politicians Were Rid- ing Is Ditched

Cornwall, N. Y., Oct. 1.—The Tammany special train from Rochester to New York was wrecked near Coopers, six miles west of Cornwall, at 1 o'clock. The train ran off the track and six of the eight cars were turned over. Doctors and a wrecking train were sent for in spite of the fact that the report read:

"No one injured."

NOTES FROM THE WEBER ACADEMY

Through the courtesy of the officers of the Four-State Fair, and by invitation of Superintendent J. M. Mills, the student body visited the fair on Thursday afternoon. School was adjourned for the purpose and students and teachers took advantage of the great educational opportunity. All enjoyed themselves and felt well repaid for the visit.

On Wednesday last Mr. O. Ridges, who is in charge of the manual training department was operated upon for appendicitis. The operation was entirely successful and it is hoped that he will soon be out and able to resume his work. The shop has been closed the last few days, owing to his absence.

On Friday evening, the first dancing party of the season was given by the athletic association. The hall was beautifully decorated with au-

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